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Applicant : Wallace T.Y. Tang
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ENDPOINT DETECTION OF THIN FILMS DURING
CHEMICAL/MECHANICAL POLISHING PLANARIZATION

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Washington, D.C. 20231

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.312

Please amend the application as issued below. This amendment is being filed concurrently with the payment of the issue fee.

In the Claims:

Please amend claims 59, 62, 68 and 82 as follows:

-- 59. (Amended) A method for producing a semiconductor device or a patterned layer intermediate, which comprises the steps of:

chemically mechanically polishing at least one layer on one side of the semiconductor device or patterned layer intermediate, wherein the layer is composed of a material selected from the group consisting of an insulating material, a semi-conducting material, a conducting material, and combinations thereof,

illuminating the side of the semiconductor device or patterned layer intermediate not being polished with light of a wavelength between about 1,000 nm and about 11,000

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